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FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

Provincial Legislature

The Debate on the School Bill
Drags Slowly But Surely
Along.

Criticisms of Opposition Grow
Weaker With Continued
Scrutiny.

Routine Business—Bills Adva-
ced—Notices of Questions
For Monday.

Friday, March 3.
THE House assembled at 2 o'clock, and after prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell, the following was the order of business:

Mr. Ross, chairman of the private bills committee, reported a bill respecting the Brunette Sawmill Co.

Upon consideration of the report upon the bill to amend the law for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels, a number of technical amendments were incorporated upon motion of the Attorney-General. The bill was left at this stage for further consideration.

The report on the bill respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons was adopted.

Upon the report on the bill to provide for the registration of companies, a number of amendments were made by the Attorney-General, and further consideration of the report was ad-

vised.

Mr. Davyson continued the debate on the school bill. The question to be considered in deciding upon this measure was, to his mind, whether it would improve or impair the system. He did not think that the principle of localization of school responsibility were to be extended at all that it should go further than the rural municipalities, which already possessed machinery for collecting the necessary revenue. Friction was occasioned under the present system through the obligation which was enforced upon some schools to take care of non-resident pupils, and there was nothing to remedy this fault in the new bill. He argued that the constitution of a school district for could not always be fairly justified by the presence of a certain number of pupils. There might be cases for instance where the existence of one sawmill would create a community of residents sufficient to demand organization, under the act, and yet there might be no assessable property to warrant it in the district. He complained that the machinery provided by the act was altogether too complicated; also that the \$500 exemption of personal property provided by existing legislation would be taxed under the bill. He thought a direct assessment per head would be preferable to the method of taxation proposed. Maintenance earners would receive the provision for the taxation of income. Many of them constantly on the move, and yet earned a sufficient amount to warrant contribution. He introduced an observation upon the subject of school books, suggesting that the matter of providing free text books, merited the attention of the government. He commented upon the mission from the bill of the statutory condition that members of the clergy shall not be eligible for positions on the school boards, and suggested that it would be wise that it should be inserted. He proposed to support the second reading of the bill, believing that any objections which existed thereto could be removed in committee. We do hope, however, that after mature deliberation, it will meet with the approval of moderate men who

were similar to the assessment act of last session. He thought the present inaction would prove just as objectionable as he claimed, the other had turned out to be. The measure should be considered from a provincial and not a local viewpoint. British Columbia wanted population and the present measure was calculated to discourage immigration. The government took the position that they could not look after the education of children in the rural districts. Intimation had already come from various organizations of trustees that they would resign. This meant that some of the rural schools would be deserted, which would be a disgrace to the province. The personal property tax provided for was unsatisfactory. It worked out unfairly; even under present conditions. As for income, it would be difficult to find enough of this to levy upon in rural districts to support the schools. The people were willing to pay their share of the cost of maintaining education, but they were not willing to do it under the terms proposed by the bill. He thought funds should be available from the natural resources of the province without resorting to special taxation. He questioned the property of the extent of power conferred upon trustees in the matter of calling upon a city council in the matter of school finance. He pointed out that cause for grievance in the number of books required by the school system. He admitted there was necessity for change in the educational system, but disagreed with the government's method of dealing with it.

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Mr. Maegowan said it would have contented him to defer any observations he had to make until the bill reached its committee stage, and judging from the criticisms elicited from opposition members, there was nothing in the bill which might not be made to adjust itself to the general satisfaction of the House. While this bill might not be popular in some of its features, it was called for by the necessities of the case, and the same was applicable to the Assessment Act of last year. He recalled early days in the school history of Vancouver, when the people there had to come long the hard way to Victoria to present their demands. It was the work of those responsible for the change which threw responsibility upon the city, and had no occasion to regret it. Vancouver today had a school system which was a credit to the province. He regarded the high school as the most important link in the educational system. It was one of the means which enabled the poor to obtain the same privileges as the rich in the matter of education. He approved of the idea that municipalities should collect and administer school monies. He believed in the localization of such responsibilities. He agreed that school books should be provided at the minimum price and thought this object could be subserved by government intervention.

Mr. Paterson moved the adjournment of the debate, but in view of the lengths to which the discussion had been dragged the Premier could not acquiesce. Mr. Paterson therefore proceeded to make a

RUSSIAN AUTOCRAT'S FINAL RESPONSE

Czar at Last Issues His Rescript Granting Elected Represent-
atives of the People Right to be Heard
in Framing of Laws.

DRAMATIC SCENE AT TSARSKOE-SELO PALACE

After Impassioned Speech Emperor Nicholas Declares That
He is Willing to Shed His Blood for the Good
of the People.

are sincere well-wishers of the country. "The manifesto and the rescript must be read together. To Americans the former doubtless will appear as a strange mediaeval document; but it must be remembered that it is the Emperor's word to his people in every condition of life, scattered over a large area from the frontiers of Germany to the Pacific. It will be read in every church in every hamlet of the empire. It is a personal appeal to the people to support the government in the cause of trial and should be read in that spirit. The rescript on the other hand is addressed to the Minister of the Interior. Under the Russian law only nobles have the right to address memorials to His Majesty in person; all other classes must communicate through the Minister of the Interior. The rescript, therefore, must be regarded as His Majesty's reply to the vast number of addresses adopted by Zemstvos, municipalities, educational, commercial and professional associations and even com-

script: "True to the ancient custom of the Russian people of the expression of its feelings to the throne, in days of joy or of sorrow, or to the fatherland, the nobility, Zemstvo assemblies, commercial associations and peasant communities have offered from all parts of Russia congratulations on the birth of the heir to the throne with the expressions of their willingness to sacrifice their fortunes for the successful termination of the war and to devote all their strength to the establishment of order in the state. In my own name and in that of Her Majesty I order you to convey to them our hearty thanks for the expression of their loyal feeling, which in the present grave times is all the more pleasing as an expression of their willingness at my call to co-operate in the successful execution of the reforms announced by me and is entirely in accordance with the wishes of my heart."

Convene Popular Assembly.

"My desire is to obtain the fulfillment of my intentions for the welfare of my people by means of the co-operation of the government and continuing the work of my crowned ancestors to retain the prestige of Russia and maintain order, and I am resolved henceforth, with the help of God, to convene the worthiest men, possessing the confidence of the people and elected by them, to participate in the elaboration and consideration of legislative measures."

Rescript Anxiously Awaited.

The manner in which the rescript will be received is awaited with the keenest anxiety. Extremists are expected to denounce the government for steering a middle course, yielding something in the form of popular representation while retaining the essence of autocracy; but the government does not hope to satisfy this class. If it fails the ministers will be compelled to yield to the workers' ultimatum demands, release of their arrested, and to the demands of the workers' strike committee.

A good reception will certainly ameliorate the strike situation, which is critical in many places. The workers left their meetings in St. Petersburg threatening to re-invoke a general strike. Tonight the streets are again full of Cossacks and every preparation and precaution has been taken in anticipation of possible trouble tomorrow. Extra editions of the official Messenger and rescript have been distributed in all the industrial quarters tonight, and the documents will be posted at every street corner throughout the country. The Associated Press is officially informed that the rescript will be given to the workers' strike committee to yield to the workers' ultimatum demands, release of their arrested, and to the demands of the workers' strike committee.

Taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of the fatherland, the multiplicity of its races, and in certain parts of the country, the weak development of the bourgeoisie, Russian miners in their wisdom insisted in accordance with their mature requirements but only in logical sequence at the same time, considering the continuation of firm historical ties with the past as pledge for the durability and stability of the present.

Difficulties are Foreseen.

"In undertaking these reforms, I am convinced that local needs and experiences of life well weighed and sincere speech of those elected will ensure fruitfulness to legislation for the real benefit of the people. As the same time, I foresee all the complexity and difficulty presented in the elaboration of this reform while preserving absolutely the immutability of the fundamental laws of the empire.

"I have confidence in your long administrative experience and value your tranquil assurance in approbation of a special conference to meet under your presidency to consider means to accomplish this, my will."

"May God bless this good beginning. May God help you successfully to secure the welfare of the people confided to me by God."

(Signed) "NICHOLAS."

The following is the text of the re-

WESTERN CANADIAN PRESSMEN.

Winnipeg, March 3.—George Mc-
Cuish, of the Morden Chronicle, was
elected president of the Western Can-
ada Press Association.

COTTON STEAMER BURNED.

New Orleans, La., March 3.—The
steamer Columbia, owned by the Carter
Packet Company, was partly de-
stroyed by fire today soon after arriv-
ing from Monroe. Besides consider-
able miscellaneous freight, the steamer car-
ried 1,182 bales of cotton. The crew
escaped. Much of the cotton was saved.

POISONOUS MATCHES.

Responsible for Death of Baby Turner
in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., March 3.—The
three-year-old daughter of S. O. Turner,
of this city, got hold of a number of
matches and ate their poisonous
brimstone ends. Medical assistance was
at once called, but was unavailable, and
the child died in a short time after
great suffering.

POWER OF THE PRESS.

New York's Success in Muzzling Fourth
Estate Commanded to British.

London, March 3.—In the House of
Lords today Lord Ellenborough (Cons.)
drew attention to the dangerous to which
the country might be exposed through
the free holding of a declaration of
war in the first few days of a contest
if the government was unable to check
the dissemination of news and asked if
the government would take steps to
consider an alteration of laws in this
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foreign power, inasmuch as profound
doubt existed as to whether there was not
a diplomatic cloud on the horizon. He said
Lord Ellenborough had greatly exaggerated
the danger of a surprise invasion and under-
estimated the difficulties which would
confront an invader. A temporary loss
of command of the sea from negligence or accident by Great Britain
would never enable an invader to land
in this country. The whole experience
of the existing war lent force to that
conclusion.

Lord Selborne laid stress on the impor-

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE.

Joseph Chamberlain Gives Association
Some Good Advice.

London, March 3.—Speaking of the
advice of friends who urged moderation
in dealing with the differences in the
Unionist party, Joseph Chamberlain told
the tariff reform league that the exten-
sion of the by-elections and co-operation
of friends of fiscal reform that the bold
policy was the best. A certain stiffening
of the backs of tariff reformers was
needed. In the meantime he supposed
they must look forward to two or three
years of the same kind of work as has
been already undertaken. He admitted
that they could not expect to succeed
immediately, but his conviction of ultimate
success was if possible stronger than ever.

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Lace Sale

Odd pieces of Black and Cream Laces will be sacrificed TODAY in this way:
Regular 25c. and 35c. Laces for 10c.
Regular 40c. and 50c. Laces for 20c.
Regular 65c. to \$1.50 Laces for 35c.

LADIES' FLANNELETTE NIGHTGOWNS

Regular \$1.25 each. Today 75c

Glove Sale

The cleanest glove stock in the city will have its prices cut away down for TODAY's selling:
Out regular \$1.00 Gloves for 80c.
Our regular \$1.25 Gloves for \$1.00
Our regular \$1.50 Gloves for \$1.20

Underwear Sale

Nothing we have ever offered will create such enthusiasm as the values TODAY in Women's Underwear:
Regular 75c. and \$1.35 Underwear for 50c.
Regular \$1.25 and \$1.40 Underwear for 75c.
Regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 Underwear for 65c.

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FRENCH LECTURER.

M. Funch-Brentano to Discourse Before Le Alliance Francaise.

At Institute hall on Monday, March 13, the celebrated French lecturer, M. F. Funch-Brentano, will give a lecture under the auspices of the Alliance Francaise. His subjects for the evening will be "The Secrets of the Bastille" and the "Iron Mask."

This noted lecturer is said to be especially competent to deal with these themes, having been in charge of the archives of the Bastille for many years. He completed the classification begun by Francois Ravaillac after ten years' arduous labor.

M. Funch-Brentano has published a considerable number of books, among them being "Legends and Archives of the Bastille," which were awarded special merit by the French academy. This work has been translated into English, German, Swedish and Italian.

An admission charge of fifty cents to all parts of the house will be charged on the occasion of the lecture, which will be under the patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and staff.

SOCIALIST LECTURE.

The Edison theatre was filled last evening, the occasion being a Socialist lecture by Mrs. Irene Smith of Tacoma, taking for her subject, "What Socialism Is and What It Proposes to Accomplish."

She first traced the development of the human species from the brute stage, to savagery and barbarism, thence to master and slave, down to the present day. With the tremendous consciousness of which she argued that the present system of industry must inevitably give way to a co-operative and collectively owned system of wealth production, necessitating the working class as a class organizing themselves into a political party, independent of all other existing parties.

Mrs. Smith will lecture again this evening, her subject being, "Reform Movement and Socialism." The meeting will begin at 8:30 o'clock to allow time for those desiring to attend to do their shopping. There will be no meeting on Sunday night in the Crystal theatre. Mrs. Smith will deliver her lecture in the Edison theatre on Tuesday evening on "The Present Development and Tactics of the Socialist Movement of the World."

Talks of Navy—Interviewed at Winnipeg en route to Esquimalt Capt. Thomas, who has received Commanders Goodrich of the command of H. M. S. Bonaventure, outlined briefly the matter which has effected the abolition of the Pacific squadron. He said: Canada will be protected by flying squadrons. The old North American and West Indian fleets, as well as the Pacific squadron, will be abolished and the yard at Halifax will be closed. Instead of the old vessels these positions will be protected by a splendid fleet of seven or eight big ships which will cruise the Atlantic, visiting the old stations from time to time. Discussing the effects of the reorganization Capt. Thomas said: "Besides the structural changes of the reorganization, which is conceded by all, the changes will mean the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Empire. Ships were maintained at unimportant points at a very large cost and the doing away with these is a matter of general gratification. The withdrawal of the squadrons from the Canadian waters is significant as indicating anticipations of a continuance of the friendliest relations with the United States."

That a baritone—David Bispham—should be able to carry San Francisco by storm after the brilliant train of stars—prima donnas—that have just shot across their heavens, must be regarded as little short of a miracle; yet this is just what Bispham has done down by the Golden Gate. Melba, Gadski and the rest are for the moment forgotten in the rich, warm lusciousness of this man's voice.

"He overflows at every point," says the San Francisco Bulletin, "slipping out of his every dress and drawing now the confide of the concert stage into the grand, wide, open sea of song, infusing the magnetic brilliance into themes so various and diverse that the compass of his understanding is itself a wonder. All this has nothing whatever to do with his splendid baritone voice, which is in itself an organ of uncommon power."

Victoria music-lovers will have an opportunity of hearing this famous baritone on the 13th. It will be an occasion for teachers and their pupils to turn out en masse.

Mining Laws For The Yukon

Dr. Thompson M. P. Wants the Dominion Government to Frame Code.

B. C. Laws Recognized as a Pattern—There Is None Better.

After spending a couple of days in Victoria, Dr. Alfred Thompson, member-elect for the Yukon in the Dominion House, left this morning en route to Ottawa.

Having in contemplation the discussion of mining matters with the Dominion government, Dr. Thompson said he naturally turned toward British Columbia for information.

"I came here," said he last night, "to discuss the question of the placer mining laws with your minister of mines, and I have had a very satisfactory interview with him. The fact that your code has been selected for the Philippines after expert enquiry as the best procedure was not, I suppose, an observation on the Yukon, where we are seeking to have substituted a similar code for the unsatisfactory regulations now in force. Before I left Dawson, I called a convention of mining men with a view of getting a conclusion as to the best system for adoption in the Yukon Territory, and many valuable suggestions were taken from the British Columbia code. In fact, the convention decided after full discussion that the sections of your code with respect to 'tailings' and 'dumps,' a most important matter in our country, where much of the mineral wealth is produced from hillside workings, should be adopted in the Yukon. I think, however, that your placer mining laws are the best in the world."

"Of course you will understand," said he, "that we have no mining laws at present in the Yukon. Mining is governed by regulations, and as these require no other authorization than the will of the government, they lack that permanency of character from which the best results can be obtained. They have been tinkered with too much."

"It is my desire, therefore, to secure the passage of a suitable code of regulations in the shape of an act which shall only be subject to disturbance by the will of parliament to secure greater stability. Of course, it is possible, the improvement of the system."

"In the Yukon country," said Dr. Thompson, "there is an immense area of unexplored ground, lying directly in the gold bearing belt, and capable, if exploited, of supporting several hundred thousand people, every one of whom must be clothed and fed by the outside world, and should be clothed and fed in Canada."

Viewing these great possibilities, Dr. Thompson remarked that he was very anxious that the interests of the prospector should be properly considered in drafting the new mining laws, realizing that the future development of the territory largely depends upon his efforts.

"For one thing," said he, "my proposal is that the prospector be given an absolutely free claim. That means that he will not have to pay any royalty on his gold or taxation in the way of mining fees to hold his ground. And in the case of the discovery of a new creek, I would give the prospector locating it a bonus from the renewal fees which the miners now pay to the government."

"In the discussion of the proposed new mining code attention will also be directed to a remedy for existing grievances with respect to concessions. Considerable areas of ground are locked up in this way, and have been for the last ten years. Some of these are held by absent landlords, so to speak, and what the miners asked is, as expressed by Dr. Thompson, 'that they shall either work their holdings or get off the ground."

In conclusion Dr. Thompson remarked that the Yukon last year produced ten million dollars in gold, and is good for several hundred millions more if the Dominion government will assist in the way of perfecting the laws to facilitate the mining of the gold.

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AN EASTERN VIEW OF IT.

Montreal Gazette.

The people of Truro have voted against the proposal now before the British Columbia legislature to make eight hours a legal day's work in the interests of the miners. British Columbia is doing the best to attract capital for the purpose of developing its mineral resources. It will be well for it to remember that people with capital are looking for places where they can secure attractive returns and not for opportunities of committing acts of the welfare of the province and its people. A lot of money has gone into British Columbia mining schemes, and mighty little of it has ever come back. That legitimately invested has not fared any better than that which went into boom projects.

Clara Matthes and her company tomorrow open a five weeks' engagement at Everett.

Active Liver Prevents Fermentation of Food.

The Great Source of Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Flatulency, Headache, Vertigo, Constipation, Despondency and Bad Temper.

Slow passage of the food through the intestines, where the most difficult part of digestion takes place, is the usual cause of indigestion.

As a result of this delay the food ferments and the digestive organs are filled with gas, giving rise to such symptoms as belching of wind, rising of sour taste in the mouth, smothering sensations in the chest, pains about the heart, heart palpitation, headache and dizziness.

To overcome these distressing symptoms of intestinal indigestion the liver must be awakened to action by the use of such a medicine as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Once the liver is active there is a good flow of bile, which, as nature's own cathartic, quickens the pace of the food through the intestines, removes the foul impurities and restores good digestion and the regular action of the bowels.

Stomach medicines are of no avail in this, the most serious form of indigestion. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills bring prompt relief.

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Headache and Indigestion.

Sour Stomach.

Muddy Complexion.

Wind in the Stomach.

Feelings of Weight and Oppression.

Smothering Sensations in the Chest.

Pains Under Left Shoulder Blade.

Drowsiness After Meals.

Despondency, Bad Temper.

Biliousness, Constipation.

and cure thoroughly because of their direct and specific action on the liver.

Doctors have always looked upon the liver as the controlling organ of the body, and it was with this idea in mind that Dr. Chase perfected his now celebrated family medicine—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

How well he succeeded is now evident to every one who is acquainted with Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and knows how quickly they go to the root of trouble and remove the cause of liver, kidney and bowel disorders.

Put these pills to the test when your liver becomes sluggish and torpid and you suffer from indigestion, biliousness or constipation.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Friendly Help—The annual meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held on Tuesday at 3 o'clock in the city hall. Friends interested in the work are invited to be present.

No Fortune Tellers—Chief Detective of Seattle, under orders from Seattle's mayor, is engaged in ridding the Sound city of fortune tellers. Two women were summoned, but released on promising to leave the city.

An Assignment—Charles Hackett, of 96 Gorge road, master mariner, has made an assignment of all his personal property, real estate and effects to F. G. Richards, sheriff. A meeting of creditors will be held at 2 p. m. on March 19.

Marine School—The marine school being conducted by Capt. J. Gaudin, agent of marines and fisheries, at the old customs house on Wharf street, continues to attract many seamen each Monday and Thursday. The lectures are free. The subject for the lecture to be delivered on Monday is: "The handling of steamships in a rough sea."

A Statement Presented—A statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the recital recently held by Mrs. Gleason in A. O. U. W. hall in aid of the Johnson street mission was presented at a meeting of the N. C. U. held Thursday evening. The report was very satisfactory and was unanimously adopted. The sum of \$37 was normalized for the mission.

Teachers' Salaries—The city solicitor, Mr. J. M. Bradburn, has been asked to submit a special report at next Monday's meeting of the city council respecting the possibility of the city enacting statutory rights to regulate school board expenditures. The two bodies—the trustees and the council—are now practically at war over this interesting issue, and lively times are promised before the question is finally settled.

Cheap Rate Danger—It is anticipated, as a result of the rate war now in progress between the C. P. R. and the Alaska Steamship Co., that many undesirable characters will be attracted to Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and other Sound cities are crowded with crooks of all descriptions who are yearning for fresh fields and pastures new, and no doubt many will take advantage of the cheap rates and "hike" to Victoria. This will require additional vigilance on the part of the police and detective force, and Chief Langley and his men are prepared to give all undesirables a warm welcome.

Civic Salaries Increased—The council has made excellent progress with the preparation of the civic estimates for the current year, several special meetings having been held during the week just closing. It was learned yesterday that an increase in salaries in several of the city departments has been decided upon—the officials affected being W. W. Northcott, city assessor and purchasing agent, Jas. L. Raynor, water commissioner; Chas. Kent, city treasurer, and W. J. Dowler, city clerk. The additional amount necessary to meet this increase will be approximately \$900 per annum. The matter will be further debated previous to the regular weekly meeting of the council on Monday evening.

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BURGLAR TRIED TO CARRY OFF TILL

Daring Early Morning Burglary Frustrated By Arrival of Proprietor.

THE POLICE COURT.

Expressman Who Read Bylaw Pays Fine for Breaking It.

An attempt was made yesterday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock to steal the till containing some \$200 from the desk of the Victoria hotel, during the temporary absence of the night clerk. For some time prior to the robbery, Mr. Frank, night clerk, had been seated in the office of the hotel, and two men lounging near a pillar at the front of the hotel aroused his suspicion. After a time they went across the street and seated themselves on a stand fronting the Cheapside hardware store, occasionally looking across at the hotel. A guest came in and the night clerk went to show him his bill. The man who was with him was taken advantage of for an attempt to steal the till. The noise of the drawer being broken—it was locked—attracted the attention of Mr. John Wolfenden, one of the proprietors, who was standing in the bar, and he ran from the bar, which adjoins the office, just in time to see a thief hurrying into the corridor toward the main entrance of the hotel with the till in his hands.

"You'll not get out of here with that," shouted the proprietor, as he rushed forward. "Well, —— take it then," said the thief—and with the words he threw the till at the proprietor's head. Wolfenden sprang quickly, just in time to avoid getting the till full in the face, and it passed over his head, struck the table in the centre of the office and scattered its contents, bills, coins and cheques about the floor.

The thief ran from the front door, Mr. Wolfenden following. Two others, one of whom was seen to be the companion of the thief, the other a man who has been giving exhibitions of skill with billiard balls in local billiard rooms, and who had joined the others as they sat watching a chance to burglarize the hotel, stood near the bar entrance. Both shouted to the fugitive to run as the pursuer was close behind. Across the street the man dashed, with Mr. Wolfenden close behind, but the thief managed to escape on dodging into the vacant ground near the Cheapside hardware store.

Sergeant Walker later arrested William J. Tole, the billiard expert, who had been seen in company with the thieves by the night clerk, and he was charged with vagrancy in the police.

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People used to think that baldness was one of those things which are handed down from generation to generation, from father to son—just like a family herloom.

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STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES

Mr. Alex. M. Finn, Inkerman, N. B., writes: "I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pill for derangement of the kidneys and liver and stomach troubles, and can testify that they are most good medicine. I can heartily recommend them to anyone suffering as I did."

Lever's Y-Z (Viso Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, it also acts as a disinfectant.

Salvage Sale—Don't forget to call at 23 Johnson street and see the cheapest line of Men's and Boys' Clothing ever offered to the public of Victoria. Just call and see those \$1.50 Men's English Worsted pants.

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TODAY'S EVENTS.

Association Football.
3 p.m.—Island League Victoria United vs. Garrison, at the Barracks.

Hockey.

10 a.m.—School League South Park girls vs. North Ward girls at Beacon Hill.

10 a.m.—School League Central girls vs. High School girls, at Oak Bay.

The Hunt.

2:30 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Hunt Club at the Barracks.

Billiards.

8 p.m.—Druid and Vernon tournaments.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Victoria United vs. Garrison.

The Victoria United players will board the 2:15 Esquimalt car this afternoon determined to win, and the game will be played at the Barracks, where the soldiers naturally have the advantage in familiarity with the ground, the civilians can depend upon to put up a moderate fight.

The last match at the Barracks between these teams ended in a draw, each side scoring a goal. That was in the city last year, and today's match in the Island League is even more important.

The Barracks is always a lively oval and whenever the soldiers obtain a goal the picture is sure to be remembered.

The spectators, a delight of hundreds of kid-gloved "Tommies" caps and sticks in the air, grave sergesants and corporals doing "wild jigs," and a prolonged tour of cheers, made a scene of enthusiasm decidedly worth witnessing. Then the game is always first class, and spectators cannot compare it to slow play. The team will line up as follows:

Carkeek Is Kept Busy.

Victoria United—Goal, F. Jones; full backs, H. A. Goward (capt.), S. Lorimer; half backs, W. H. Lorimer (centre), C. S. Thompson, J. Hart; forwards, J. Lawson (centre), C. Berkeley and L. York (left wing), B. Tye and J. Lorimer (right wing); Garrison Goal, Vizard; full backs, B. Brymmer, H. Hill; half backs, Sergt. Paley (centre), Ford, Price; forwards, Brymmer (centre), Matthews and Crisp (left wing), and Hazelwood and Consable (right wing).

Mr. French, of H. M. S. Egeria, will act as referee. Schwengens will be able to play for Victoria United, but his position will be filled by J. Lawson.

HOCKEY.

South Park vs. North Ward.

The South Park girls' hockey team will meet the North Ward girls at 10 o'clock this morning. The girls put up a strong game and an exciting struggle is assured.

Central vs. High School.

A second girls' match will be played at Oak Bay this morning between the Central and High School girls. The game will start at 10 o'clock.

The game between the Victoria intermediates and the High School has been indefinitely postponed.

Ladies' Game at Nanaimo.

The second eleven of the Victoria Ladies' Hockey Club will travel to Nanaimo this morning and compete in the Coal City afternoon. The Nanaimo players will be at Oak Bay and the Victoria representatives are determined to regain their lost laurels. The following young ladies will represent Victoria: Full backs, Miss McDonald, Lowe and Jay; Half backs, Misses K. Redfern, Weston and E. Nichols; forwards, Misses Atkinson, McGill, Hiscock, Clark and Green. Reserve, Miss Heaney.

BASKETBALL.

J. B. A. vs. Nanaimo.

The Nanaimo Herald has the following regarding basketball: "Perhaps the most interesting game of basketball has been ever played in Nanaimo will come off in the new Athletic Arena on Saturday evening next, when the best team that can be picked from among the local players will meet the famous team of the James Bay Athletic Association of Victoria, holders of the Armstrong challenge cup, which is significant of the championship of British Columbia. It might seem to be a big contract for the Nanaimo men to tackle team of such a splendid reputation, but the two local clubs are strong, amateurish and it is believed they will be able to put on a team that will stand a good chance of winning."

Word has been received from the James Bay that they will be up on the Saturday afternoon train and bring the following players: Gandy, (capt.), Pethick (capt.) and K. Gray; centre, K. T. Hughes; forwards, P. Peden and A. D. Belyea.

Work on the seating capacity of the new arena is being rapidly pushed to completion and will be ready for the accommodation of a large crowd which is expected to turn out to enjoy the game, and also the enterprise of the Athletic Club in providing such a splendid place for all kinds of athletic contests.

GOLF.

U. S. G. C. Medal Competition.

Yesterday at the United Service Golf links a competition for the men's monthly medal and a prize presented by Captain Bunting, R. E., resulted as follows:

Mr. Cole, R. N., 116 36 89
Hon. F. G. Hood, R. E. 113 28 85
Mr. H. Hulton Harrop, 106 20 86
Mr. P. L. Ling, R. N., 116 30 86
Mr. H. E. Tomlinson, R. N., 108 22 88
Major Blundell, R. E., 110 21 89
Mr. V. H. Hulcher, R. N., 116 22 94
Mr. C. P. Cooper, R. N. R., 120 26 94
Capt. Brady, R. E., 121 24 97
No returns—Capt. Watts, Capt. Wright, Mr. Poll, Mr. Yates, Commander Meadus.

Mr. Cole, R. N., wins the prize and medal.

THE HUNT.

Today's Cross-Country Run.

The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at the Barracks at 2:30 this afternoon for their regular run.

BILLIARDS.

The Driard Tournament.

The game in the Driard tournament to-night will be between Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown.

Vernon Tour.

The Vernon tournament will be contin-

mer is a clever sleight of hand performer and excites wonder by the ease with which he makes handkerchiefs, billiard balls, flags, etc., appear and disappear. Miss Robinson is a pretty and pleasing soubrette; Mills and Barron have a funny sketch in which Mr. Mills appears as "Honking" and Miss Vivian sings "Beware" and "The Queen." The Lucifer singer is more or less ordinary ability. The Lucifer have another comedy sketch in "Aegean High kicking and a pleasing song and Highland dance in costume by Miss Lew. Mr. Roberts sings "Asleep at the Switch," one of the most songs he has had yet, and the singing items on the bill, telling the amusing items on the bill, telling the

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Sergeants' Mess of Fifth Regi- ment Give Dance to Their Comrades.

One of the most enjoyable small dances of the season was given last evening in the drill hall by the sergeants' mess of the Fifth regiment to the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants of the imperial forces stationed at Work Point barracks and Esquimalt.

The middle portion of the large hall had been divided from the front and rear sections by barricades of bunting, and the pretty apartment thus created had been very generously adorned with flags and the various appurtenances to ball-room equipment, especial attention being paid to military emblems.

One side of the apartment were ranged a series of card tables for those who did not care to dance, and on the other side were cosy sitting-out corners and a pretty nook in which was en- sconced the Schubert orchestra, which dispensed its usual delightful music during the evening.

There was a very good attendance of guests, and the scene was a pretty one, viewed from the balconies, where not a few spectators assembled. The brilliant uniforms of the military men and the charming costumes of the ladies presented a particularly pleasing picture as the various dance evolutions were proceeded with.

The dance was given as a special mark of appreciation of the various similar kindnesses extended to the officers of the Fifth regiment by the staffs at Work Point and Esquimalt, representing His Majesty's land forces, and was in every way a success.

Co. Sergt.-Major McDougall, M. C., was master of ceremonies for the evening and proved an admirable host. The door committee was made up of Co. Sergt. Cavin, Sergt. Curr, Sergt. Hollister and Sergt. Brayshaw.

Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and at midnight a very choice lunch was served at the rear of the hall, the tables being simply but prettily decorated.

Earle's Bill Defeated—As predeceased in the Colonist some days ago, the bill presented in the legislature of the neighbor state of Washington to provide for a close season for sockeye salmon during 1906 and 1908 has been defeated. This will have the effect of nullifying the Dominion order-in-council in the same regard, which was conditional upon joint action by the legislative body at Olympia.

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Along The Waterfront

Lyra Arrives From the Orient—
Freighter to Be Con-
structed.

Moana Sails For Australia—Tor-
pede Boats Sought by Five
Purchasers.

It is said that the steam freighter which Capt. Buckholz and associates propose to build will be constructed at Vancouver. Associated with Capt. Buckholz in the venture are the Messrs. Wallace, shipbuilders of Vancouver, Mr. Battle, formerly interested in the lumber industry on the Island coast, and on the Mainland, and Thompson, of Vancouver. It is the intention to use the engines which were recovered from the steamer Alpha, which went down off Yellow Rock, near Pender island, during a December storm of some years ago, in the new vessel, which will be constructed for the salmon trade.

Arrangements are also going forward for the construction of another freighter which is to be built for Capt. Strongman and associates. The steamer Venture is also being made ready for the season's work. She is undergoing repairs at the Victoria Machinery Depot.

TORPEDO BOATS BY TENDER.
Five Seek to Purchase Small and Obso-
lete Craft at Esquimalt.

Five tenders were received by Mr. Harris, naval storekeeper, for torpedo boats 39 and 40, which are offered for sale at Esquimalt because of instructions received from the Admiralty. Most of the tenderers speak of placing the craft in service—all in the pursuits of peace. Others intend to break up the vessels and use their engines, which are powerful machines capable of developing considerable speed in any small craft. The Messrs. Bullen are among the tenderers, that firm having, it is understood, offered between \$2000 and \$3000 for the vessels, with the intention of breaking them up. Other tenders have come from Seattle and various ports of British Columbia. The tenders have been sent to the Admiralty and no decision regarding a sale will be made until advances are received from the naval lords. The two boats are understood to have cost about £8000 each.

FOREST BROOK LATE.

Squabble Arises as to Whether She Has
Lost Charter or Was in Time.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

A Move Made by Association Towards
Better Conserving Home Industry.

At the concluding session of the Dairymen and Live Stock Association the following resolution was carried by a large majority:

"Whereas the importations of dairy products into the province last year amounted in value to \$1,727,000, quantity of butter being 5,586,857 pounds, whilst the butter produced in the province during the same period was in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 pounds; and whereas a large quantity of live stock, much of it good breeding, is produced in British Columbia, and a considerable proportion does not find an adequate market because of the lack of proper information; be it resolved, that the future policy of the Dairymen and Live Stock Association of British Columbia will be in the direction, firstly, towards the education of the producers of dairy products in the art of dairying, to the end that a superior article of uniform quality may be produced at the least possible cost, so as to compete successfully with the imported article, and furthermore, looking towards an increased production, by shutting out the immature importations of dairy products and thus keeping in the province the large sums of money sent away to purchase products that can, and should, be manufactured in the province; secondly, in the direction of bringing the producers of live stock and possible purchasers together to the end that a fair price may be realized by the former, and animals of good quality and well acclimated may be acquired by the latter, to the mutual benefit of all concerned."

After the transaction of a number of routine matters, the convention was brought to a close, and already a majority of those in attendance have taken their departure homewards.

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